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Agence France Presse news bulletin dated August 17 carried story from Munich that on August 4 Czech national committee of general Prehala and Sudeten German organization reached agreement on repatriation and indemnification Sudeten Germans after Czech liberation. First reference Czech press morning 18th under headline "agreement between Czech traitors and Sudeten Fascists" alleged agreement negotiated under American auspices.

In absence more information, Embassy cannot offer balanced analysis significance agreement, but believes one obvious result is that Czech government presented propaganda bonanza which voice should refute. Incessant propaganda barrage aimed at selling GDR to Czech people as trusted and peaceful allies demonstrates this regime fully aware hatred and distrust Germans continues to be shared large majority Czechs. Those who supplanted Sudetens in homes and jobs will add to opposition their return or any indemnification, but basic cause of feeling of course more deeply rooted.

Embassy assumes this agreement reached without approval State Department of US HICOG and recommends that HICOG and Department spokesmen issue statement soonest disavowing agreement. This statement should immediately be carried VOA Czech language broadcasts.

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